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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains an update on the adjournment of the State Legislature for the Spring Recess; a status on County-advocacy legislation related to the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages to students in middle schools and high schools; a report on legislation of County interest regarding membership to a Community Corrections Partnership; and overviews of the Republican Legislative Caucus State Budget Proposal and the State Auditor's Report on the Department of Children and Family Services.

Legislative Adjournment for Spring Recess

On March 29, 2012, the State Legislature adjourned for the 2012 Spring Recess. The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, April 9, 2012. Upon reconvening, the Legislature will continue to conduct hearings to address important bills and the State Budget.

County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 1746 (Williams), which was introduced on February 17, 2012, would restrict the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages to students in middle schools and high schools to one-half hour before the start of the school day and

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one-half hour after the end of the school day, passed the Assembly Education Committee by a vote of 7 to 3 on March 28, 2012. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Legislation of County Interest

AB 2031 (Fuentes), which as amended on March 20, 2012, would add a rank-and-file deputy sheriff and a rank-and-file probation officer or deputy probation officer to be appointed by a local labor organization, to the membership of a Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and would require their votes on the local implementation plan for the 2011 Public Safety Realignment. The bill also would add a rank-and-file juvenile probation officer, a rank-and-file adult probation officer, a rank-and-file deputy sheriff, and a state parole officer or agent to the membership of the Board of State and Community Corrections, to be appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmations.

Under existing law, each county is authorized to establish a CCP consisting of 15 members that shall develop and recommend a local plan to the county board of supervisors for the implementation of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment. The recommended local plan is to be voted on by the executive committee of the CCP consisting of the chief probation officer, a chief of police, the sheriff, the district attorney, the public defender, the presiding judge of the superior court, and one department representative from either the county department of social services, mental health or alcohol and substance abuse program.

AB 2031 would add two members, a rank-and-file deputy sheriff and a rank-and-file probation or deputy probation officer, to the CCP and the CCP executive committee. As currently drafted, AB 2031 would not expand the role of the CCP or extend any additional authority to the CCP.

AB 2031 is sponsored by the State Coalition of Probation Organizations and is supported by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO; California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations; California Correctional Peace Officers Association; and the Peace Officers Research Association of California. The bill is opposed by the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association; California Probation Officers of California; California Public Defenders Association; and the California State Sheriffs Association

AB 2031 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on March 27, 2012. The bill now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Republican Legislative Caucus State Budget Proposal

On March 29, 2012, the Republican Legislative Caucus released a list of \$4.4 billion in alternative budget solutions which they indicate would eliminate the need to enact triggered reductions to education proposed by Governor Brown if his November 2012 Ballot Initiative fails to pass. The proposal includes the use of prior budget solutions, government efficiencies and revenue assumptions. In addition, the Republicans indicate their support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4, which would establish a State's rainy day reserve fund and enactment of the Governor's pension reform proposal. Major elements of the solutions include:

- \$1.0 billion from the direction of unencumbered funds for affordable housing from dissolved Redevelopment Agencies to schools.
- \$1.3 billion from the continued use Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act funds for realigned mental health services programs.
- \$316.0 million in the delay of repayments on monies borrowed from special funds.
- \$158.0 million in reductions to In-Home Supportive Services service hours for consumers and wages for providers.

Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg said that he considers the Republican Budget plan a "rehash" that is legally questionable and would not solve California's fundamental budget problems. With regard to the proposal to use \$1.0 billion in housing funds to address the State Budget shortfall, Senator Steinberg indicated his preference is to use this money for affordable housing. However, the Senator acknowledged that he has delayed moving forward legislation to allow a city or county to retain Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds, **County-supported SB 654**, so lawmakers would have the chance to use these funds if State revenues fall below projected estimates.

It is unlikely that the Republican Budget proposal will have any traction with democratically-controlled Legislature. With the passage of Proposition 25 of 2010, the State Budget can be enacted by a simple majority vote, with no Republican support.

California State Audit Report on the Department of Children and Family Services

On March 29, 2012, the California State Auditor Bureau of State Audits released its audit report concerning the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family

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Services (DCFS), as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Among other information, the report includes a summary of the State Auditor's review of DCFS program and operations and provides recommendations regarding timely resolution of child abuse and neglect allegations. The report, fact sheet, and other information can be found at: <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/>

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